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Present Status of the Pickets in the Law Courts of Virginia and the District of Columbia

THERE are still pending in the courts four sets of cases dealing with the arrests of suffrage pickets. These are: first the appealed cases of the pickets who were arrested but appealed their cases last summer and did not go to gaol; the appeal of Mr. Whittaker, late of Occoquan Workhouse, from the ruling of Judge Waddill; the damage suits against Mr. Whittaker; and the damage suits against the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for cruel and inhuman treatment of suffrage prisoners.

The appealed cases of the pickets who were arrested on August 23 and 28, have been heard before the Court of Appeals of the District. The decision in these cases will be handed down on Monday, March 4. These pickets did not go to gaol. It is expected that the case will be dismissed.

The case which Mr. Whittaker appealed from the decision of Judge Waddill, of the United States District Court, will be heard on the second Tuesday in April. The original decision was to the effect that the pickets were unlawfully detained at Occoquan. There seems to be every chance that this decision will be sustained.

There will then remain the two sets of damage cases—one set in the District and one in Virginia. The former against the District Commissioners will not be tried for eighteen months, such being the speed and efficiency of legal procedure in the national capital. The latter, against Mr. Whittaker will be brought to trial in July in the Virginia courts. These cases are tried in Virginia because of the location of the District Workhouse in Virginia.

As far as it is possible to judge of law cases before they are tried, it would seem that the pickets will receive from the hands of the law as complete a vindication as their political victory, already won.

Women Voters Are Proving an Expense

NEW York is no longer delaying in giving justice to women along many lines of endeavor. Hardly a day passes but one notices some additional recognition of the value of women to that community, recognition which entirely slipped the notice of the politically powerful until the right to vote was placed in the hands of the women.

The scrub women in the municipal buildings of New York have been given an increase in pay—the first one for many years. The board of estimate and apportionment has passed upon this matter, for is not a scrub woman's vote as good as another's? That being the case had she not better have two dollars more a week to eke out her rather slender existence?

Equal Pay and Opportunity

IT is reputed that in the government service women receive equal pay with men for equal work. If the matter is examined it is found that this holds theoretically, but practically not at all. The women employees, according to a statement of Miss Florence Etheridge, one of the vice-presidents of the National Federation of Federal Employes, are not given the opportunity of securing the better paid positions. While they receive the same wage for inferior positions as the men holding similar ones, their chances for advancement into executive offices are extremely small. Fifty-nine per cent of the women employed by the federal government in Washington receive less than nine hundred dollars a year salary.

In no way can this artificial barrier better be broken down than by the establishment of political equality between men and women.

Minimum Wage for New York Women

THE fight for a minimum wage for women in New York is being vigorously waged at the present time, led by the Consumer's League of the state. The minimum has been set at $11.70 a week for the present time. In 1914 $9.00 would have been sufficient.

The interesting feature of the present agitation to increase women's wages and to secure for them equal pay for equal work regardless of sex, is the part played by the men, whose places the girls are taking. When a man who has left his job to serve the government, sees a girl receiving ten dollars for his eighteen dollar a week job, he becomes worried as to what the situation will be after the war. He sees that the benefit will not be alone the woman's when sex is omitted from wage determination.

These girls in the trades new to them are still receiving larger pay than they received in their former occupations. For this reason it will be necessary to increase the wages in the occupations where there is no competition between men and women to prevent the women leaving all their old jobs for the new ones opened to them by the war.

One transportation company in New York advertised for girls for heavy work, expecting to see unskilled foreign girls apply. Instead girls from offices and restaurants were the applicants, attracted by the good wages.

New York will doubtless follow California and Oregon in passing a minimum wage bill, as she has followed them in giving votes to her women. Not, however, until the women of the whole country are enfranchised will it be possible to adjust national problems, such as this one, in the way in which they should be adjusted.

The Liberator

THIS week sees the first issue of a new publication which is interested as its title signifies, in liberty, and in no small degee in the part women will play in the liberty of the future.

To quote from its own summing up of its aims, "It will stand for the complete independence of women—political, social and economic—as an enrichment of the existence of mankind."

One Woman's View of Feminism

FROM England comes more reassuring news for the advocates of the ballot for women. The voice of Miss Marie Corelli has been added to the chorus of praise for woman's freedom. Perhaps the point made by Miss Corelli is not a customary one on this topic. It should not on that account be neglected.

The outcome of the feminist movement, which will develop after the war, will be a turning back, accoding to Miss Corelli's theory.

"It means," she says, "that woman's work after the war will be very much on the straight and simple lines of nature—love, sweetness and home! . . .Grace, coquetry, pretty apparel, and all the dainty sweet things in womanliness will come back again. . . .

"I have seen a great deal of woman's work in this war and I am sure their metier is affection, devotion, tenderness, and that they hardly need the polling booth to assert their claim to consideration. But the vote will give them a rightly won position in the affairs of the nation. . . . They can do without the admixture of politics in their lives, still they may as well have it."

A Southern congressman should be able to go far as that.

Women Did Not Cease Agitation

OPPONENTS of the suffrage amendment in this country frequently urge the fact that women in other countries have ceased their suffrage agitation during the war, and for that reason are being rewarded with the franchise now.

The annual report of the London Society for Woman Suffrage, quoted in the Common Cause, makes the following statement in regard to some of the work of that organization during the past year.

"Memorials, deputations, and interviews were organized, and in the course of this work remarkable and encouraging changes of opinion were brought to light, generous acknowledgments of altered views being received from associations and individuals and many new friends welcomed into the society."

The London society for Woman Suffrage is organized in districts electing seventy-four members to parliament. Of these members forty-eight voted for the suffrage bill, seven against, nineteen were absent from the division. M. G. F.

Bullets and Ballots

Bishop Darlington of Pennsylvania on Federal Action Now

BISHOP James Henry Darlington, of Philadelphia, has for thirty years been a pronounced and leading advocate of universal suffrage for women and is much gratified that its adoption seems so close at hand. He writes Miss Anna M. W. Pennypacker, daughter of the late Governor Pennypacker, who asked his views in regard to the federal suffrage amendment as follows:

"Taxation without representation was not right in Revolutionary times and is not right now. All political parties are beginning to recognize this. In my summer home at Newport, the Republicans made suffrage a party measure and carried it through the Rhode Island legislature by a large majority with the active assistance of some of the Democratic members.

"Many of our foremost senators at Washington, while voting against woman suffrage as premature in the past, have said that they were ready to give women the ballot whenever convinced that a majority of the women wanted it. Events of the last two or three years seem to have demonstrated that it is now the earnest desire of an ever increasingly large proportion of our women in all sections of the United States. It is therefore time for the senators to change their votes as they have promised and remove this question from political discussion forever.

"I know personally both senators of this state and also some of those representing Southern Commonwealths and I wish to assure them that women are by nature and training cautious and conservative, thinking first of moral and family considerations; that their vote will be unpurchasable and most dependable when new issues are offered for discussion or hasty adoption. This intelligent and discriminating electorate is especially needed to preserve order and decency where there is a large foreign-speaking immigrant mining population as in this state, and where there is a possibility of disorder on account of race issues, as in the South.

"The bill now before the Senate for passage recognizes the right of each state legislature to settle the woman suffrage question in its own way and only says that it shall 'become operative' when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures.

"Pennsylvania, started on its illustrious history by Sir Walter Raleigh, the first gentleman of his time, and Governor William Penn, of God-fearing memory and Quaker views as to sexual equality, has been noted ever for its chivalrous conduct towards women, while the 'Land of Dixie' was settled by the Chevaliers and is still often called 'The Home of Chivalry.' It is the great present opportunity now for our Keystone state and the 'Solid South' to unite in leading all the rest to trust with the franchise our mother, wife and daughter, whom we trust unreservedly in all other relations of life.

"Women are carrying on this present world war so forcibly and in so many different positions, even working by the thousands packing dynamite and powder into torpedoes and fashioning projectiles in ammunition factories, that we should give them immediately an affirmative answer to their modest request for self-protection and self-expression at the polls.

"To make a bullet is as necessary to warfare as to fire it and those who are competent to make the bullets are certainly capable of casting the ballots. On the bullet depends the nation's victory over Teutonic terrorism and the return of our half million sailor and soldier boys; on the ballot depends the keeping pure and sweet of the home life of the state and the nation, so far as may be in the paths of the past, by the careful and prayerful consideration of the best educated and most unselfish women of any time and land that the world has known."

Canal Zone Federal Employees Favor Susan B. Anthony Amendment

By F. G. Swanson

Vice-President Federal Employees Union, Canal Zone

AT a regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the Federal Employees Union of the Panama Canal Zone February 10, 1918, the following self-explanatory resolution was adopted without objection or a single negative:

"WHEREAS, the cause of equal (or women) suffrage is supported by logical reasons too well known to need repeating and is favored by the American Federation of Labor and the large majority of all organizations affiliated thereto, and whereas, the trend of the times is toward a greater democracy in the control of government everywhere, and whereas, the United States Congress possesses all necessary authority to submit to the several states for ratification any amendment to the Constitution which they may approve, therefore

"Be it resolved, that the Canal Zone Federal Employees Union endorses the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Constitution and through the National Federation of Federal Employees urge the Senate, as has already been done by the House, to ratify its submission to the several states for adoption or rejection, and

"Be it further resolved, that this action is urged as entirely consistent with either a national or states rights policy, since one of the most important of states rights, is a voice in the changing of the law or authority by which all should be governed, and the most radical of states rights proponents have never taken the stand that the Constitution should not be amended in accord with the manner provided in such Constitution."

THE membership of the Canal Zone Union, which is composed of about seven hundred of the canal employees not eligible to other craft unions, includes nearly one hundred women, principally school teachers and nurses with a number of women clerks and stenographers. The members represent almost every state in the United States and the unanimous action on the above resolution is indicative of the viewpoint of the average American removed from the influence of narrow provincialism. Men and women with initiative enough to move as far as the Canal Zone and with the breadth of view obtained from travel and observation, free from the controlling influence of habit within certain "home" circles and neighborhoods, almost unanimously favor the equal franchise.

It is only those of narrow social vision and possessed of more or less of the bigotry of the ignorant, who can inconsistently admire modern progress in industry and commerce from the time of their grandfathers, and paradoxically claim that no change must be made in American politics, because such change was not advocated or adopted by a majority in previous generations.

There was no woman representative on the board which adopted the above resolution, so it is in no sense a measure proposed by women and "chivalrously" allowed to pass. The principal officers of the Canal Union are J. H. Stevenson, President (Georgia); F. G. Swanson, Vice-President (Idaho); H. J. Wempe, Corresponding Secretary (Indiana); D. J. Erdman, Treasurer (Illinois-Iowa); Joe Wynne, Financial Secretary (New York); R. C. Shady, Second Vice-President (Michigan); and Jul Johnson, Guardian (Minnesota). These and nineteen others from different states constitute the board of control.

THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE—SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

THE AMENDMENT IN THE SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

Introduced

In the Senate, on April 4, 1917, by Senators Thompson, Owen, Jones and Shafroth.

In the House, on April 2, 1917, by Representatives Raker, Rankin, Mondell, Keating, Taylor and Hayden. Reintroduced in the House December 18, 1917, by Representatives Rankin, Raker, Hayden, Taylor, Keating and Mondell.

Referred

In the Senate, to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

In the House, to the Judiciary Committee.

In the House all resolutions reintroduced on December 18 were referred to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

Reported in the Senate

Favorably, September 15, 1917.

Reported in the House

By Judiciary Committee without recommendation December 15, 1917.

By Suffrage Committee with recommendation January 8, 1918.

Present Status

In the Senate

On the calendar awaiting a vote.

In the House

Passed January 10, 1918.

HISTORY OF THE AMENDMENT

Drafted

In its present form, by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

First Introduced

January 10, 1878, by Hon. A. A. Sargent, in the Senate.

Reported from Committee

In the Senate

1878, Adverse majority.
1879, Favorable minority.
1882, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1884, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1886, Favorable majority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1892, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1896, Adverse majority.
1913, Favorable majority.
1914, Favorable majority.
1917, Favorable majority.

In the House

1883, Favorable majority.
1884, Adverse majority, favorable minority.
1886, Favorable minority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1894, Adverse majority.
1914, Without recommendation.
1916, Without recommendation.
1917, Without recommendation.

Voted Upon

In the Senate

January 25, 1887. Yeas 16, nays 34. Absent 26 (of whom 4 were announced as for and 2 against).

March 19, 1914. Yeas 35, nays 34, failing by 11 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

In the House

January 12, 1915. Yeas 174, nays 204, failing by 78 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

January 10, 1918. Yeas 274, nays 136, passing by the necessary two-thirds vote.

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The Suffrage Situation

NEVER was there a moment when the suffrage situation in Congress was more critical than today. For the first time suffragists have something to lose.

Unless the bill which has just passed the House of Representatives passes the Senate during this same Congress, all that has been gained will be lost. Suffragists will be forced to start afresh on a campaign on the four hundred and thirty-five men in the next House of Representatives.

Not only is there need for haste in the Senate in order to avoid losing all that has been gained, but there is necessity for speed in order to bring the ratification campaign quickly to a close. At the present moment the legislatures of Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin and Texas are in session. The legislatures of Louisiana, Michigan and Georgia will soon convene in regular session, and the legislatures of Connecticut, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, and West Virginia may possibly be called in special session. Some of these legislatures will close soon, and all of them in a short time. After these sessions have come to an end, there will be no further sessions of any legislatures until 1919, unless special ones are called. If the suffrage amendment is passed immediately by the Senate, it will mean that it can come at once before these various legislatures for ratification. If, on the other hand, the Senate delays, the opportunity of bringing the resolution before the present sessions of these legislatures will be lost and the length of time taken for ratification will be prolonged.

The final success of the suffrage amendment in Congress is assured, now that it has received the support of the President and all political parties. This does not, however, dispose of the matter of delay. Delay in the Senate so that this Congress comes to a conclusion before the amendment has been brought to a vote means loss of the progress already made in the House. Delay until the legislatures now sitting are over means lengthening the ratification ordeal.

It behooves all, in the Senate and out, who are interested in the speedy enfranchisement of women, to see that the Senate acts quickly. Delay at this time is as distastrous in its results as is active opposition.

Country-Wide Demand for Senate Action

Detroit and Cincinnati for Federal Suffrage

A NEW impetus to the demand for the passage of suffrage through the Senate is coming from the middle west owing to the spirited meetings held last week in Ohio and Michigan, arranged by Mrs. H. M. Adler, Mrs. Cyrus Meade and Mrs. Nelson Whittemore. Miss Beulah Amidon, of North Dakota, vividly presented the past and present suffrage status at these meetings and brought to the close of the suffrage battle an intense group of young women who will take up the coming ratification campaigns.

In Detroit Miss Amidon spoke before a large gathering of social workers in the Juvenile Court Building. The Nurses Association, The Children's Aid Society, Neighborhood House and Woman's Hospital Workers were all represented, and a committee formed to reach women workers along social lines to help in the final drive for federal suffrage. These women are: Miss Ada Reese, of Juvenile Court, Chairman; Miss Frances Knight, Mrs. Dorothy Earle, of the Woman's Hospital; Mrs. Rice Miller, of the Juvenile Court, secretary; and Miss Clair Kummer, treasurer. Miss Clara Livermore presided at this meeting, which sent telegrams to Michigan's senators demanding action.

Dramatic in the extreme was Miss Amidon's meeting at the Finck overall factory, where she was introduced to hundreds of young and enthusiastic working women by W. M. Finck and Mrs. Bradager, head of the welfare work. From the owner down everyone in the big plant signed a petition to the President asking for action in the Senate. Before leaving for Cincinnati Miss Amidon addressed the Detroit Federation of Labor, the most powerful labor body in the state, which passed strong resolutions calling for action on suffrage in the Senate.

IN Cincinnati, the Anti stronghold of Ohio, Miss Amidon's meetings, arranged by Mrs. C. H. Adler, District Chairman, were most successful. With an Anti press to cope with, Mrs. Adler, through an energetic telephone campaign, drew forth an audience of two hundred to hear Miss Amidon, and arranged a charming luncheon preceding the meeting. Among those present at this affair at the Forest Glen Hotel were Dr. Gardner, head of the Political Science Department of the Cincinnati University; Mr. Lester Jaffey, secretary of the Men's City Club; Mrs. Gotthard Deutsch, Mrs. Edward Bernhoff, Miss Elsie Bernhoff, Miss Elsie Goldsmith, Miss Sylvia Byers, Mr. Philip Waterman, Mr. Henry Berkowitz, and Mrs. Boyle, the sister of Mrs. Allender, the cartoonist.

In introducing Miss Amidon Mrs. Adler said: "We are going to hear at last the story of the pickets. But when we talk and when we hear about pickets, we must remember that they were but one dramatic incident in the history of the Woman's Party fight for federal suffrage. The great contribution of the Woman's Party to American politics was not picketing—but the demonstration of the ability of women to form a political policy, to follow it unswervingly, and to triumph resolutely over ridicule, doubt, insult, agony and the bitterness of misunderstanding and deliberate misrepresentation."

A Woman's Party Branch within the Cincinnati University was formed at the home of Mrs. Adler, at which Miss Amidon spoke. Mrs. Adler, who is now working for her A. B. at the University, was unanimously elected chairman, and Miss Elsie Bernhoff secretary. Plans were made for an energetic suffrage campaign within the University. Miss Amidon promised that the women of America, with the help of the middle west, would celebrate the centenary of Susan B. Anthony in 1920 by voting for the President and all other officers on the same terms as men.

Massachusetts' Dollar Drive

IN Massachusetts the State Branch celebrated Susan B. Anthony's birthday in a practical way that would have appealed to the great leader: They made it a "Dollar Day" and asked all suffragists to contribute that small sum for the final task of coercing unwilling senators. Many women who had never before given to suffrage contributed to this collection. On the committee in charge were Miss Olive Mills Belches, state chairman; Mrs. Manfred Bowditch, Miss Grace Henshaw, and Mrs. Josephine Preston Peabody Marks.

Part of the state-wide organization campaign now going on in Massachusetts, the Worcester district has just been organized, with Miss Rebecca Hourwich, of New York, assisting the State Branch. At the district conference, held February 7, Mrs. Katherine Ware Smith, of Framingham; Mrs. Ruth Sykes of Cambridge; and Miss Hourwich were the speakers.

Mrs. Smith, one of the first visiting teachers in Connecticut, and president of the Consumers League of that state, but now a resident of Massachusetts and state secretary of the Woman's Party, brought to the meeting the greeting of the state executive committee.

Miss Camilla G. Whitcomb was elected district chairman; first vice-chairman, Mrs. Edwin H. Marble; second vice-chairman, Mrs. Edith Hunt; third vice chairman, Mrs. Ida E. Lombard; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Cummings; treasurer, Miss Elise Topanelian.

A resolution was passed urging President Wilson to use his influence in the Senate to ensure passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

Activity in Connecticut

IN Connecticut interest in the two big Dudley Field Malone mass meetings is being aroused by a series of meetings organized from headquarters in the Hotel Taft, in New Haven, where Miss Katharine Mullen and Miss Catherine Flanagan are in charge. Letters have been sent by the Connecticut Branch to fifty Yale professors, urging them to write to the President to bring pressure on the Senate at this time. Many meetings are passing resolutions calling for action, including the Central Labor Union of New Haven, where debate on the matter was heated.

A suffrage meeting for New Haven business women was held at the Hotel Taft this week, with a committee of twenty-five in charge of the affair. Besides helping to organize interest in the Malone meetings the committee of business women are urging personal letters to senators in relation to suffrage. Mrs. Annie Porritt and Miss Mullen addressed a large meeting of Hartford business women and Miss Katharine Mullen addressed the Bridgeport meeting of business women.

Southern Pressure

SUFFRAGE in the South continues to hold public attention. In Texas Mrs. St. Clair Thompson, who last week spoke in Corsicana, this week addressed the soldiers of Camp Logan, the Thirty-third division of the Fifth and Sixth Divisions of the Regulars. Mrs. Thompson writes that she was "cheered to the echo," and that the big camp unanimously passed resolutions calling on the President and the Senate to stand behind the enfranchisement of the women of this nation.

DUDLEY Field Malone this week is holding a series of mass meetings in Florida, the first in Miami at the central school auditorium. Assisting with the Florida meetings are Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia; Miss Doris Stevens and Miss Clara Louise Rowe. Mrs. Lewis and Miss Stevens, with Mrs. Samuel Untermeyer, of New York, and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, also held a drawingroom meeting in the interests of the present work of the Woman's Party in the Senate at the home of Mrs. John Hanan at Miami Beach, one of the beautiful estates of Florida.

The Virginia Branch of the Woman's Party, assisted by Miss Gladys Greiner, continues to conquer fresh territory. With Miss Mabel Vernon as speaker a reception and conference was recently held in Newport News for the purpose of electing District workers. The following committee will take up the work of converting Senator Martin: Mrs. W. A. Jennings, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Rouse, Mrs. H. E. Boatwright, Mrs. R. H. MacNicholl and Miss Susan Minton.

Miss Vernon afterward "captured the city" when she spoke to a large crowd at Washington Square, telling the status of the suffrage amendment in Congress, and holding Senator Martin and a small number of other Southern senators responsible for the present suffrage blockade in the Senate. Miss Vernon's story of the long suffrage struggle and its dramatic chapters in the Capital was intently listened to, especially by a number of British sailors who had seen the militant campaign in London.

The Library Fund Campaign of "The Suffragist"

Miss Therese Olzendam

THE Library Campaign of the circulation department of THE SUFFRAGIST just inaugurated by Miss May Condon, circulation manager and Miss Therese Olzendam, office manager of THE SUFFRAGIST, is already having amazing results. These young women have determined that no library in this country shall be without THE SUFFRAGIST, and that the people of the communities themselves shall bring about this result. The campaign was started to put THE SUFFRAGIST in libraries. It has also put THE SUFFRAGIST in dozens of homes that would not otherwise have been reached.

"We wanted," says Miss Condon, "to create a fund in each state under the state chairman of the state, to be applied to furnishing THE SUFFRAGIST to the libraries of the state. Every subscriber was asked to pledge another subscription, designating the library to which THE SUFFRAGIST should be sent. It was pointed out that the only complete Woman's Party news appeared in THE SUFFRAGIST, and library readers by missing THE SUFFRAGIST were missing the most dramatic suffrage news of the country. It appealed to them at once as a matter of education.

"The work has everywhere been taken up with zeal. In South Carolina Miss Carrie Pollitzer is able to make Southern women as eager as any up North to furnish the Southern libraries. Mrs. Cosu, of prison fame, is doing the same work in Louisiana, where the State Branch has decided that no library in the state can afford to do without THE SUFFRAGIST.

"Mrs. Josephine K. Linton is in charge of the big task of covering the libraries of Illinois; Mrs. M. B. Spellman is in charge of Indiana. She says, 'I realize more and more the necessity of getting our own paper before the people. Local papers, however favorable, do not give our interpretation of the news; I want to be able to say to every woman who cannot subscribe: You can see THE SUFFRAGIST in ANY library. I know Indiana women will help me.'

"MRS. Nettie Blazing, suffragist chairman of Minnesota, writes: 'Already the Minnesota Branch has subscribed for fifty copies of THE SUFFRAGIST which are sent weekly to newspaper editors in every part of the state. I know the women of Minnesota will see the value of the library idea. We are also turning our attention to our state legislators in anticipation of the ratification campaign, and hope in the near future to have a fund large enough to send THE SUFFRAGIST to every legislator.'

"During the last week twenty subscriptions went into the library fund of Minnesota, Mrs. A. R. Colvin contributing ten, Mrs. Nettie Blazing ten.

"Miss Elizabeth Sherman is in charge of the Massachusetts library drive, and Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles in charge of the work in Delaware. 'We intend to flood the state with THE SUFFRAGIST,' writes Mrs. Hilles in regard to the Suffragist Library Fund.

"Mrs. Abram Rose, whose energy had already provided many of the libraries of New Jersey, writes that all libraries will have THE SUFFRAGIST. With a view, also, to placing the magazine in the hands of every state legislator, at the last state executive meeting of the New Jersey Branch the new plan was announced and eighteen subscriptions were the immediate result, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. C. D. Karr and Mrs. W. H. Howard, each pledging one; Mrs. J. A. H. Hopkins pledging ten, and Mrs. A. J. Rose pledging five.

"If there is not an active SUFFRAGIST manager in your district, I would like to say to every woman please constitute yourself that manager. Canvass your district. Interest suffragists. Make them realize that they are reaching hundreds of women by subscribing to the State Library Fund. If they cannot subscribe for a year, ask them to subscribe for part of the year, other women making up the amount.

"FROM every part of the country we are beginning to feel the interest. We gauge it by the steadily increasing subscriptions that are coming to this department. I wish we could make every woman realize the importance of the widest possible circulation for THE SUFFRAGIST, in view of the coming ratification campaign. You have only done your share when you have made certain that every librarian, every newspaper editor, and every state legislator takes THE SUFFRAGIST.

"He can only take it if YOU collect the money from your suffrage friends and thus make it possible. If we were an endowed institution, we would distribute THE SUFFRAGIST free. We cannot do this. I, for one, am glad we cannot. The letters of appeciation I receive every day from every part of the country from women who are making sacrifices to pass on our suffrage news, makes me believe that the sacrifices themselves are partly responsible for the zeal women are bringing to our suffrage work and to our new campaign."

Lucy Burns

LUCY Burns went through Vassar College, hailed as a brilliant scholar, and nursed by her professors for the academic world. After Vassar she went to Yale to study etymology; then she taught for a period, until she went to Berlin, still in pursuit of elusive roots.

But during the summer months, unhappily for her teachers, Lucy went to London for her vacation. There she met Mrs. Pankhurst, entered the fight of the militants, forgot what an enclitic or a penultimate was, forgot even to go back to Heidelberg to say good-bye.

She came to America with Alice Paul, and together they have fought in Washington for the national enfranchisement of women. Lucy Burns was sentenced on November 14, for the second time, to six months' imprisonment for picketing.

Within a few days she had smuggled the following note from the workhouse:

"Wednesday, 14th, demanded to see Whittaker (superintendent). Request refused. Mrs. Herndon said we would wait up all night. Privilege of leaving room refused us. Man guard said he would put us in "sardine box and put mustard on us." Whittaker came at 9 P. M.; refused to hear demand for political rights; seized by guards from behind, flung off feet, shot out of room, all seized by guards and dragged to cells in men's part. Dorothy Day roughly used. Back twisted. Nolan flung in cell. Mrs. Lawrence Lewis shot past my door. I slept all night with Dorothy Day on single bed. I was handcuffed for asking others how they were. Fastened for short time to bars of cell, threatened with straightjacket and threatened with button gag.

"Thursday, brought here (in hospital). Food brought for first time at noon. All refused it.

"Friday, expected to go to court. Asked for Whittaker. I asked for counsel to learn status of case. He told me to shut up, threatened straightjacket and button gag again.

"Later. I was taken to put on prison clothes. Refused. Resisted seriously. Put into room where men with delirium tremens were put."

Lucy Burns has dignity of bearing and a low musical voice that would carry far in the House of Representatives. In a mass of hair flares the red of her Irish temper; it is the only hint of the spirit of the revolutionist.—*Pearson's Magazine, January.*

Comments of the Press

A Militant Suffrage Victory

FOR a long time there have been two kinds of suffragists in the United States—the patient persuader who depended on educational methods and could not play the political game even in demanding admission into politics, and the militant idealist with a certain hardness of grain that enabled her to see and meet the facts of human nature as a political fighter must. I suspect that the leaders of the suffrage movement have always been of the latter kind—Mary Wollstoncraft, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Anna Howard Shaw. Any of them—in their own day of new leadership—would have taken the position that the Congressional Union and the Woman's Party took, and forced the federal amendment through Congress by means of party politics. That is, if they had had enough votes in the separate states to do it, they would have quit offering prayers to individual "friendly" congressmen, and gone out into the country to fight the whole party in power that failed to pass their amendment. That was what Alice Paul and her associates did, and in the passage of the amendment by the House on January 10, they won a victory which was very definitely their own. I quote, in proof that this is not merely a private opinion, a press-dispatch from the New York Times:

"Democratic Congressmen from suffrage states became alarmed over the situation. They feared that if the resolution were defeated by Democratic votes women who possessed the franchise would go in droves to Republican candidates in the Congressional elections next November. This agitation among the Democrats became so marked that their leaders felt that some action should be taken to counteract the effect in the political campaign this year of the charge that the Democratic Party was responsible for keeping women from expressing their preference at the polls. It was said that women in New York State were preparing to vote against Democratic candidates for Congress because of their opposition to the suffrage constitutional amendment."

Never was the superior strength of those idealists whose heads are hard enough to meet facts, more unqualifiedly proven than in this victory. I look to Alice Paul and her young army of militants as one of the three leading radical forces in American politics in the near future. The Non-Partisan League, the Socialist Party, the Woman's Party—those are three powers that may sweep this country clear for liberty sooner than any Republican or Democratic politician imagines.—*"The Liberator" for March, 1918.*

Patient Long Enough

WOMAN suffrage is gaining ground, but no credit for this should be accorded those self-made martyrs who have been hanging around Mr. Wilson's front gate.—*Marietta Journal.* On the contrary, a very large part of the credit will go to them. Even Dr. Anna Howard Shaw declares that the women of the United States have been "patient long enough."—*Miami (Fla.) Metropolis, December 21, 1917.*

Does Publicity Pay?

I SUPPOSE no one undertaking captured quite so much advertising as did the picketing of the White House by the National Woman's Party. Their press agent told me that one day's picketing—it was the Sunday of Woodrow Wilson's inauguration, the day that a thousand pickets marched round and round the White House in the pouring rain, calling on the walls of Jericho to fall—well, 1,000 dailies opened their pages to that stunt to the amount of on an average half a column in a paper.

At least 500 tri-weeklies and semi-weeklies gave a column each, and the picture syndicates gave much space. No one has ever estimated the amount of publicity which, first and last, little Alice Paul and her co-workers have gained with their picketing and their jail sentences, but the amount is enormous.

Some conservatives argue that this is bad publicity, and that bad publicity is worse than none at all. But the answer to this was put in a nutshell by Gilson Gardner, newspaper man and Washingtonian, who for fifteen years has been sending out news from the capital to the papers of the country.

"Before Alice Paul and the pickets came," he said, "days would pass when the word suffrage didn't occur in the despatches. Since their activities, no word occurs more frequently than this."—*Eleanor Booth Simmons, The New York Sun, February 10, 1918.*

The One-Arm Patriot

LIKE the New York Times, he views with alarm the agitation for woman suffrage at a time when we need all our energies to further the cause of democracy.—*"The Liberator"*

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The South on State's Rights

THE basic idea of feminism, with which every other idea and every material achievement must square, is the emancipation of woman as a personality. Slowly but inevitably, the soul of a sex is emerging from the dim chamber of instinct and feeling into the strong sunshine of reason and will.—Susan B. Anthony.

And considering that we are saving the world for democracy, don't you think that at least we had best know how to assume a virtue before we presume to teach others the most becoming way to wear its apparel?

I believe in state's rights. I believe, too, in the glory that was Greece, and the grandeur that was Rome. All three were visions too big and beautiful for humanity to live up to; so it killed them—which is a little way it has.

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